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Interview Summary

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Examiner

Jerry Redman

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Jerry Redman.

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(2) Ms. Balsam.

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Date of Interview: 24 August 2009.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: a seal having projection ridges.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: JP Pat. no. 10/026231.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Examiner will reconsider that JP reference to see if the ridges provide any sealing function. Suggestions were made to limit the angle of inclination(s) of the sealing ridges but still may read on other art of record.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Jerry Redman/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3634